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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Data Processing, DA

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SUBJECT: Continuation of Interim SAFE Operations

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a status report on the Interim SAFE system.

2. We plan to continue with Interim SAFE until most DI users convert to SAFE. (There are presently 133 DI branches in the Interim SAFE System, representing more than 300 DI customers with access to Interim SAFE text files.) It is expected that Interim SAFE will "phase out" by the end of FY 1986 if the present SAFE implementation schedule holds. Until the closeout of Interim SAFE, we will continue the policy of denying access to the system for any new components or individuals. The use of ODP computer resources supporting Interim SAFE, particularly the use of direct access storage, should show gradual declines throughout 1985 and 1986.

3. We have considered the possibility of converting all Interim SAFE customers to SAFE on a priority basis, but we believe that this would have an adverse impact on SAFE training and use. Many Interim SAFE branches have only one or two authorized users. Major benefits of SAFE are achieved when all of the analysts, managers and support personnel of an entire component are introduced to the new system at the same time.

4. OCR's SURE Staff has also examined the possibility of replacing Interim SAFE software with the latest SAFE version and merging it with SAFE in the Northside Center. As the numbers of Interim SAFE users decrease, this may be the best solution to an earlier phasing out of SAFE. However, the large numbers of current users do not make this a viable option at this time. The diversion of personnel to profile building, training, software modifications, etc., would impact severely on current SAFE training and schedules.

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5. The Directorate is as anxious as your office to "phase out" Interim SAFE and to convert DI users to SAFE. We cannot, however, discontinue Interim SAFE services without disrupting research efforts or without offering a replacement service. Personnel from ASG and OCR will continue to work with ODP technicians on the Interim SAFE system to enhance its efficiency and to expedite its phase out.

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